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<p>Dr. Robert J. Stern U.S. Department of Energy Office of Environmental Guidance (EH-23) Room 3G-092 Forrestal Building 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, D.C. 20585</p>		
<p>Re: Draft EIS Alternative Cooling Water Systems Savannah River Plant EIS-8604-008</p>		
<p>Dear Dr. Stern:</p>		
<p>Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft EIS for the proposed Alternative Cooling Water Systems at the Savannah River Plant in South Carolina. A copy of the Draft EIS was provided to us by the State Clearinghouse.</p>		
<p>As the State Historic Preservation Office, our concern is whether the proposed project will have an effect on cultural resources eligible or potentially eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The cultural resources survey for those areas affected by the</p>		

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	cooling water discharge of the C- and K-Reactors and the D-Area has been provided to us under separate cover by the Savannah River Plant.	
AT-1	<p>We note that 65 archaeological sites were identified along the banks of Beaver Dam and Four Mile Creeks and Pen Branch; we concur with the assessment of National Register eligibility for 23 of these archaeological sites. Since these National Register eligible sites will not be directly affected by construction of the alternative water cooling systems at the C- and K-Reactors and the D-Area, it is our opinion that the construction presently proposed will have No Adverse Effect on National Register eligible sites. Our determination of No Adverse Effect is contingent on the condition that the discharge water levels into Beaver Dam and Four Mile Creeks and Pen Branch be monitored on a regular basis to ensure that these significant cultural resources are not affected by inundation and/or erosion.</p>	DOE, as part of its monitoring program of the onsite streams, will monitor flows in Beaver Dam, Four Mile, and Pen Branch Creeks on a regular basis. Should evidence of erosion occur on any archaeological site, DOE will notify the SHPO.
AT-2	<p>If the Department of Energy concurs with the SHPO's determination of Conditional No Adverse Effect, then the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation should be provided the opportunity to comment. A copy of this letter should be included as evidence of DOE's consultation with the SHPO.</p> <p>The Federal regulations for the protection of historic properties (36 CFR Part 800) require that the Federal agency official in charge of a federally funded or licensed project consult with the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer. The regulations do not relieve the Federal agency official of the final responsibility for reaching an opinion of his own as to whether or not historic values have been taken into account in allowing the project to proceed. The opinion of</p>	A letter of concurrence has been received from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. See comment AZ-1 concerning the no objection to a determination of "no effect" from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

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	<p>the State Historic Preservation Officer is not definitive, either by law or by established Federal procedure. In reaching a conclusion of his own, the Federal agency official may well wish to consult other experts.</p> <p>The above comments are made in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the regulations codified at 36 CFR Part 800. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Nancy Brock, Environmental Review Specialist, or Ms. F. Langdon Edmunds, Historic Preservation Protection and Planning Head, at (803) 758-5816.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Charles E. Lee State Historic Preservation Officer</p> <p>cc: Mr. R. P. Whitfield Savannah River Plant</p> <p>Mr. Glen Hanson SCIAA</p> <p>Mr. Danny Cromer State Clearinghouse</p> <p>Ms. Trish Jerman Office of Energy and the Environment</p> <p>Mr. Ron Anzelone Advisory Council</p> <p>Dr. Bruce E. Rippeteau State Archaeologist</p>	